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FRESNO, CALIF. (AP) - FIVE MEN HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL HERE  
AUG. 25 ON CHARGES OF TAKING SENSITIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM CHINA  
LAKE NAVAL WEAPONS CENTER IN THE MOJAVE DESERT.

ITEMS REPORTED STOLEN IN 1978 AND 1979 INCLUDED A FIVE-FOOT-LONG  
REMOTE-CONTROLLED HELICOPTER; A LOW-LIGHT TELEVISION CAMERA AND  
STARLIGHT NIGHT VISION SCOPES USED FOR SURVEILLANCE.

PUBLISHED REPORTS SAID THE MEN MAY HAVE THOUGHT THEY WERE AIDING THE  
CIA, BUT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE STOLEN MATERIAL WAS DESTINED FOR THE  
DRUG SMUGGLING OUTFIT KNOWN AS THE COMPANY.

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